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The Honorable Richard H. Potts
Jasper County Assessor
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Dear Mr. Potts:

The Department of Local Government Finance ("Department") has reviewed the information and data (both originally submitted and the supplemental information) for the Jasper County 2010-pay-2011 ratio study. The 2009 Jasper County Sales Disclosure File is pending (i.e., it is not completely compliant). We still need your 2009 pay 2010 tax data and adjustment file. Nevertheless, to expedite the ratio study review process, the Department hereby **conditionally approves** your ratio study contingent upon the full compliance of your Sales Disclosure File.

The Department conducted the following checks to determine conditional approval for the ratio study:

- Mann-Whitney "Sales Chasing" test;
- Spearman Rank test for vertical equity;
- the review of the accuracy, equity, and uniformity of the assessments as determined by the median ratio, coefficient of dispersion (COD), Price Related Differential (PRD); and
- the change analysis conducted by the Department (information only).

Please note that this **conditional approval** is granted without verification of all of the actual sales disclosure forms to allow the preparation and delivery of the real property list to the County Auditor pursuant to IC 6-1.1-5-14. As always, the Department directs counties to use all possible sales, which lends greater validity to the sales ratio study.

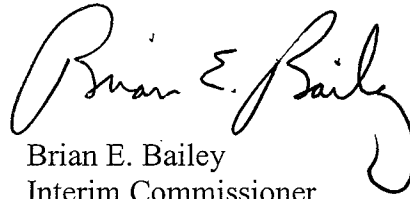
In conjunction with our Data Analysis section, please continue to ensure your sales disclosure file database is compliant. For assessment year 2011, your 2010 sales disclosure data files must be compliant with the rules of the Department.

For the **2011 assessment year**, the following changes will be in effect (see our January 12, 2010 memo - http://www.in.gov/dlgf/files/100112_-_Schwab_Memo_-_2011_Ratio_Study_Changes.pdf):

1. Only sales marked "valid for trending" in the SALES File will be used to conduct the Department's ratio study.
2. Property data from the Workbook must match the Department's certified data for assessments to be approved.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Barry Wood, the Assessment Division Director, at (317) 232-3762 or by e-mail at Bwood@dlgf.in.gov.

Sincerely,



Brian E. Bailey
Interim Commissioner

cc: Barry Wood, Assessment Director